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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DOLD).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 23, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT J. DOLD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Charley Hames, Jr., BeeBee Memorial Cathedral, Oakland, California, offered the following prayer:

Eternal and gracious God, we call on Your Name by Your mercy as one nation under Your divine counsel. Dear Lord, I lift up to You today these men and women who have been weighted with the vicissitudes of life by the virtue of the office that they have been called to serve for such a time as this.

We ask You, Lord, to equip and empower these, Your leaders, by Your Spirit to faithfully carry out the duty to the office in which affects our daily lives. Remind them of their divine purpose to bring hope where there has been disappointment, to give peace where there is chaos, and leadership that promotes unity.

Guide their minds to make decisions that embody the good of all of our citizens and pilot their hands to give voice to the voiceless. This is our prayer in Your awesome Name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LEE of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING REVEREND DR. CHARLEY HAMES, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased to welcome Reverend Dr. Charley Hames to the House floor after delivering today's very powerful opening prayer.

Dr. Hames is an absolutely brilliant pastor at the historic BeeBee Memorial Cathedral in Oakland, California. Under his leadership, BeeBee Memorial Cathedral has grown from approximately 80 members to over 1,400 members, making it one of the Bay Area's fastest growing churches. His ministries touch the lives of many throughout the community.

In addition to his 19 years in the ministry, Dr. Hames served as the chair of the board of the Empowerment Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization that fosters community involvement with local government.

Reverend Dr. Hames is the proud recipient of the 2011 CME-Ninth Episcopal District Pastor of the Year, is an

active member and chaplain of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc., and a director for the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce Board. He is married to his wife, Felicia S. Brooks-Hames, and is the proud father of three children.

I thank Pastor Hames for his wise counsel, for his spiritual leadership and for his commitment to making this a better world for all God's children.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### HONORING ROGER SCHLICKEISEN, DEFENDER OF WILDLIFE

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last night Roger Schlickeisen was honored for his 20 years' leadership as president of Defenders of Wildlife, where he became a key pillar of the American environmental movement.

The successful reintroduction of the gray wolf into the American West was an example of his tenacity, skill and his vision. Whether Roger was fighting to protect our environmental laws from assault or using them for their intended purposes, he showed how even in difficult times, people would respond to protect what they cherish. That is how he built Defenders of Wildlife into such a formidable political and policy force, increasing its membership 1,500 percent to almost 1 million people.

Whether taking his phone call, an office visit, or exploring the Arctic wildlife refuge with Roger, his passion was clear to me. Roger provided leadership that matters, which speaks volumes today and will far into the future. Thank you, Roger.

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